## Called By Name

## GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (6-27-18)

<u>Introduction</u>: In today's lesson I want to challenge you to think about the importance of your name (**Isaiah 43:1**). Have you noticed the recent personalized nature of advertising and customer service? This is purposeful and strategic. The Lord calls plenty of people in the Bible by name. My recent study of the gospel of Luke revealed several examples. Let's study together...

## <u>Discussion</u>:

- I. John the Baptist (Luke 3, 7, 16, 20)

  <u>Notes:</u>
- II. The Twelve Apostles (Luke 5, 22)
  Notes:
- III. Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7)
  Notes:
- IV. Lazarus, Martha & Mary (Luke 10)
  Notes:
- V. Lazarus the Beggar (Luke 16)

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- VI. Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19)
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- VII. Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9)
  Notes:

<u>Conclusion</u>: Each of these examples show us that Jesus touched people in a personal way and called them by name. There are 3 simple reasons why this lesson is important:

Reason #1) The Lord Knows Your Name - Luke 15:1-4, John 10

Reason #2) The Lord Wants To Confess Your Name - Luke 12:8, Matthew 10:32

Reason #3) The Lord Hopes To Call Your Name on Judgment Day - Matthew 7:21-23

Name recognition means there is a relationship between the two people. If you don't have a relationship with Jesus now, how can you expect Him to call your name? That won't happen unless you call on His name, confess His name, and are baptized into His name. When the roll is called on Judgment day, will He call your name? Do what the apostle Paul did in **Acts 22:16!** Be saved today!

